**HIV-Infected Blood Donors**

1199. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the "Indian Express" of 27th June, 1994, captioned "HIV-infected blood donors on rise";

(b) if so, how far the report that during the past five years infection with HIV in blood donors has doubled is in conformity with Government's assessment; and

(c) what are the reasons for such an alarming rise in HIV infection amongst blood donors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The finding that Seropositivity among the blood donors is on the increase is in accordance with the assessment of the Government also. This increase, however, is marginal and not alarming.

**Indian System of Medicines**

1200. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the press report which appeared in the "Indian Express" of 4th May, 1994 relating to the "integration of modern medicine with indigenous systems in the armed forces"; and

(b) whether Government would consider ending the near monopoly of Allopathic system in our medical colleges and Hospitals and give due place to Ayurvedic, Unani and Siddha systems of medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) The present policy of the Government of India is to develop each system of medicine in accordance with its genius.

**Envolving a common curriculum for Nursing Examinations at National level**

1201. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an acute shortage of qualified nurses in the country;

(b) whether Government have developed a common curriculum for nursing examinations at national level;

(c) whether the nursing courses will include graduation in nursing imparting training to meet the requirements of operation theatres, intensive care units midwifery, etc.;

(d) whether Government will decide on the ratio of engaging nursing staff according to the number of beds in the hospitals; and

(e) if so, whether Government will make it mandatory for the private hospitals also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Nursing Council has prescribed the syllabus and scheme of examination for various Nursing Education Programmes which are being implemented by the State Nursing Council / Examination Board/Universities.